

**United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names**  
**Report of the Romano-Hellenic Division meeting for 2005**  
**(Lefkada, Greece, 30 May – 1 June 2005)**

The annual meeting of the Romano-Hellenic Division (RHD) was held in Lefkada, Greece, from 30 May to 1 June 2005, with the participation of delegates from Cyprus, Greece and Italy.

After approval of the Agenda, RHD President (Mr. Salvatore Arca) drove the discussions mainly about the following item: “Treatment of names in multilingual areas” (1); “Administrative Structure of National Names Authorities” (2); “Toponymic Guidelines for Map Editors and Other Editors” (3); “Geo databases” (4); “Multilingual Glossary” (5); “Toponymic Websites” (6); “Exonyms” (7).

The various contributes and updates given by the delegates have made them very profitable and useful for the progress of the works within the Romano Hellenic Division. Among the said items it was much discussed the current definition of the key terms “Endonym” and Exonym”, which were already focused during the meeting of the Working Group of Exonyms (WGE) that had been held in Lubljiana (Slovenia).

RHD has decided to work on it, agreeing that is an important issue, and intends to produce some proposals to be discussed among the experts of the various RHD countries, in order to facilitate the procedures for a better use of its terms.

Mr. Arca proposed Mr. Makridis as coordinator in the collection and distribution of the related information. This work is intended to be finalized before the next UNGEGN session (Wien 2006), with an eventual preparatory meeting.

Regarding the next meeting of the RHD the President proposed to be held during the 23<sup>rd</sup> UNGEGN session in Wien. The members unanimously approved..

The President thanked all the participants and closed the meeting, expressing his full appreciation for its very efficient and fruitful organization, in particular the great and warm hospitality of Mr. Gounaris, the Hellenic Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Mayor of Lefkada.